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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT VISITS NEBRASKA

Professional actress tours state with one-act monologue

During October, the one-act monologue featuring the life and times of Eleanor Roosevelt comes to Nebraska. Performed by professional actress and playwright, Elena Dodd, the First Lady of the mid-1940's is brought to life to speak to modern-day audiences about human rights issues that still linger world of politics, social issues and cultural inequalities.

The one-woman theatrical production, ***Meet Eleanor Roosevelt***, has toured hundreds of public and private schools, colleges, libraries, churches, historical groups, nursing homes, and retirement communities across the nation. It has been presented at the United Nation's (UN) Fourth World Conference on Women in China, Democrats Abroad in Paris and Heidelberg, United Nations Association, Girl Scout Conferences, New Hampshire Chautauqua, League of Women Voters, and at Eleanor Roosevelt's Val-Kill home in Hyde Park, NY.

The theater project conveys the association's founding principles, explains current economic and political realities, and helps audiences of all ages understand how UN goals apply to today's global issues. Roosevelt's influence and stature have continued to grow. The heart and soul of Roosevelt remains a powerful inspiration to leaders in both the civil rights and women's movements.

This is the 60th Anniversary of the formation of the United Nations. The hundreds of programs, funds, initiatives, and resources of the UN have been a driving force toward a more humane, healthy and prosperous world for all future generations. Although presentations are free, the general public is encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for the Lincoln Food Bank or local pantry program as an act in the spirit.

This event is cosponsored by the Nebraska Humanities Council, Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission, United Nations Association and Lincoln Public Schools's *Bringing American History Scholarship Into the Classroom* (BAHSIC) project.

Dodd is scheduled to present in Nebraska, from Oct. 10 - Oct. 27, 2005. Her itinerary includes presentations in a wide array of community forums and educational institutions. Most of the presentations features Roosevelt as a middle-aged woman who advocated for Universal Human Rights. Unless otherwise noted, call Marj Manglitz at 402/464-3607 for more information.

Dodd's tour schedule as follows:

- Oct. 11 The Legacy, 5700 Fremont, Lincoln, NE; 1-2:30 p.m. For more info, call 464-5700.
- Oct. 12 The Legacy, 5600 Pioneers Blvd, Lincoln, NE; 1-2:30 p.m. For more info, call

436-3000.

- Oct. 13 The Legacy, 7200 Van Dorn St., Lincoln, NE; 1-2:30 p.m. For more info, call 484-8888.
- Oct. 14 St. Joseph's Catholic school at 10 a.m., York, NE; and repeat performances at the York Senior Center, 1053 Main St., York, NE; shows at 12:45 p.m. and 7 p.m.
- Oct. 15 Nebraskans for Peace annual dinner meeting held at Trinity United Methodist Church, 16th & A St., Lincoln, NE; Noon to 2 p.m.
- Oct. 16 Red Cloud Opera House at Willa Cather Pioneer Memorial and Educational Foundation, 413 North Webster Street, Red Cloud, NE, at 2 p.m. For more info, call 402-746-2641.
- Oct. 17-22 Lincoln Public Schools classroom tours.
- Oct. 18 Lincoln Woman's Club, 407 S. 14th St., Lincoln, NE; evening performance.
- Oct. 21 Live from the Mill, 8th & P St., NET Radio's cultural arts program, 9 a.m.
- Oct. 23 The Loft at the Mill, 8th & P St., Lincoln, 2-5 p.m. Sponsored by the Angels Theater Company. For more information, call Judith Hart at 474-2206.
- Oct. 24 United Nations Association banquet, UNL East Campus Student Union, 33 & Holdrege St., Lincoln. RSVP by calling Mary Lutz, 464-3571, cost \$15.
- Oct. 25 Wayne State College, Office of Multicultural Affairs, 1111 Main St., Wayne, NE, evening performance. For more information, call toll free to 800/228-9972.
- Oct. 26 University of Nebraska-Omaha Women's Studies program at Eppley Auditorium, 1804 Capitol Ave., Omaha, NE, at 7 p.m.
- Oct. 27 Mayor's committee on International Friendship & Lincoln Council for International Visitors, The Cornhusker Hotel, 333 S. 13th St., Lincoln, NE; 5 p.m. For more information, call 430-8410.

Elena Dodd graduated from Wellesley College and earned a master's in American Literature from Boston University and a master's of Fine Arts in Writing from Vermont College of Union Institute and University. Her special interest in American playwrights led to working with new scripts in experimental groups in Boston. Previous performances as American historical characters include abolitionist Sarah Grimké at the University of Michigan, and Harriet Beecher Stowe at the John F. Kennedy Library. She is currently an actress and writer with The Streetfeet Women, a Boston-based multicultural ensemble.